

WI-91  
Dr. W. Harrison Dashiell House  
Quantico  
Private

1890

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HISTORIC CONTENT INFORMATION

Resource Name: Dr. W. Harrison Dashiell house

MHT Inventory Number: WI-91

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):  
INDUSTRIAL-URBAN DOMINANCE  
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s):  
Single-family dwelling

**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-91

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Dr. W. Harrison Dashiell House

and/or common Dashiell-Taylor House

**2. Location**

street & number Cherry Walk Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Quantico ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. Richard Taylor

street & number Box 41 telephone no.:

city, town Quantico state and zip code MD 21856

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Dr. W. Harrison Dashiell house stands on the south side of Cherry Walk Road in the village of Quantico, Wicomico County, Maryland. The house faces northwest with the principal gable roof oriented on a northeast/southwest axis.

Built in 1890, the northwest (main) elevation of the house is a symmetrical three-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking two-story, three-sided bay pavilions covered by gable front roofs. The front door, recessed within a turned post porch, is partially glazed. A second floor porch, covered by a shed roof, features a turned baluster handrail and spindle decoration under the eave. The sides of both bays windows are pierced by two-over-two sash windows on each floor, and each window is flanked by louvered shutters. Pointed arch windows pierce the gable end, and the drop pendants and sawnwork finish the bottom edge of the pavilion roofs. Rising through the center of the house is a pair of brick chimneys finished with corbelled caps.

The gable ends are alike with single two-over-two sash windows lighting the first and second floors, and pointed arch two-over-two sash window illuminate the attic. The eaves are extended and trimmed with plain bargeboards featuring decorated ends.

The southeast (rear) wall of the main block is largely covered by the two-story wing which has a turned post porch on the east side. Two-over-two sash windows light the first and second floors. Attached to the back of the two-story section is a single-story kitchen.

The interior of the house has remained largely intact since the late nineteenth century. Dominating the center hall is a turned baluster stair that rises in three flights to the second floor. The first and second floor rooms feature factory-made mantels with slender columns supporting a bracketed mantel shelf. The frieze of each mantel is incised with a floral decoration. Reused in the rear wing is a pair of two-panel Greek Revival doors. A secondary staircase rises in the back of the house.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1890 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Due to its high architectural integrity, this property is classified under Category A, which includes structures of historic significance that also exhibit many good architectural details representative of a period of architectural development and contribute uniquely and superlatively to the character and collective value of structures within the district.



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CORPS OF ENGINEERS, U. S. ARMY

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DR. W. HARRISON DASHIELL HOUSE  
Eden, Maryland Quadrangle  
1942

MARYLAND  
SCALE 1:31680

ARDELA SPRINGS  
38° 22' 30" N  
75° 45' 11.60000 FEET



4 Miles









